on the expiry of Indo-German Fertilizer Education Project, termination notices were not issued. On the other hand, in accordance with the spirit of the assurances they have been given options to said employees to work against posts available under other foreign aided projects viz. Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project and Dry-Land Farming Project.

(c) The Government of West Bengal have requested for the continuation of the Project.

(d) It has not been found possible to accede to the request of the Government of West Bengal. However, as mentioned at (b), alternative avenues for continued employment have been offered to the said employees.

Delay in construction of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

2031. SHRI O.J JOSEPH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about delay in the erection of captive power plant for the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation at Durgapur;

(b) the time taken for building up the power plant at Durgapur;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when the work is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The project was scheduled to be completed by middle of 1981. It is now expected to be completed by end of 1985, a slippage of four and half years approximately.

(c) The main reasons for the delay are:—

(i) general industrial unrest of the contractor's labour at the work site;

(ii) the contractor's shop, and

(iii) at the establishment of a major equipment supplier.

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Plant at Malkapur

2032. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers have carried out feasibility study of a fertilizer plant at Malkapur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey on the Availability of Camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan

2033. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot survey has been conducted by the Zoological Survey of India or any other department or agency on the availability of camels in Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the total number of camels available in the two States;

(c) whether any annual export ceiling has been fixed for milching and breeding purposes;

(d) if so, what is the annual export of camels during the last five years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government are aware that camels are smuggled across the the borders and eventually shipped to the Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) All India Livestock Census, which includes enumeration of camels, is conducted quinquennially.

(b) As per Livestock Census 1982 (Provisional), camel population in the State of Gujarat and Rajasthan were 74,382 and 7,52,887 respectively.

(c) No, Sir, Export of camels is allowed on merit for breeding purposes only.

(d) The number of camels allowed for export yearwise are as under:—

1980-81	Nil
1981-82	Nil
1982-83	75
1983-84	Nil
1984-85	One

(e) Reports received by the Govt. of India do not indicate smuggling of camels accross the borders and their eventual shipping to the Gulf countries

Tenders for purchase of fishing Boats

2034. DR. SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that global tenders for the purchage of any fishing boats are required to be called;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not adopting such a system in India;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to make a thorough cost analysis of the cost of Indian made boats also, being financed by the S. D.F.C is-a-vis foreign boats; and

(d) what is the existing structure for safeguarding the interests of the country in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The deep sea fishing vessels are being acquired by fishing companies who are free to select the type of fishing vessels and source of supply. As such the question of Global Tenders does not arise.

(c) and (d) The cost of Indian made boats is being thoroughly scrutinised by an Inter-ministerial Committee before they are recommended for financing by the Shipping Development Fund Committee. The cost of imported boats is considered by the Inter-ministerial Fishing Vessels Acquisition Committee and the Screening Committee before the cases are recommended for import and S.D.F.C. financing. The indigenous trawller building yards are provided 33 % subsidy on the cost of construcion. In addition, there is also a 10% price preference in respect of Indian built fishingvessels.

Paharias Community in Santhal Pargana and Sahebganj District of Bihar

2035. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the paharia Community in Santhal Pargana and Sahebganj district in Bihar is facing extinction and the tribe is likely to become extinct within the next 15 to 20 years with the present rate of deaths;